

# BIG GUESSING CONTEST.

## WHO Will Be Elected President of the United States at the Com- ing Election? HOW MANY VOTES WILL HE GET?

The West Virginian  
Proposes to Give  
the Best Guess-  
ers Some Lib-  
eral Prizes.

## HERE IS THE PLAN:

We will give to our Patrons and Subscribers  
**\$250.00 IN GOLD**

on the following conditions:

To the person estimating the exact number, or the nearest the exact number of votes cast for the winner in the Presidential contest, we will give \$100.00 in gold.

To the person guessing the next nearest number, \$50.00 in gold.

To the third nearest guesses, \$25.00 in gold.

To the five next nearest, each \$10.00.

To the five next nearest, each \$5.00 in gold.

The thirteen people in this case will be the lucky ones.

### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST:

1. Each person who is a regular subscriber to the Daily West Virginian on July 6, is entitled to one guess.
2. Each person paying one dollar for a three months' subscription to the West Virginian beginning after July 6 will be entitled to one guess.
3. Any person paying in advance for one year will be entitled to four estimates, or for any part of a year in the same manner, each one dollar paid on subscription entitling the subscriber to a guess.
4. Any person securing two subscribers for three months and paying us two dollars, will be entitled to one guess, or additional guesses in the same proportion, one guess for each two dollars, sent in. The person securing the subscription will be entitled to guess and the persons subscribing will also be entitled to guesses.

### TO AID IN MAKING THE ESTIMATE:

In 1892,

Grover Cleveland received 5,552,351 votes.

Benjamin Harrison received 5,176,336 votes.

In 1896,

William McKinley received 7,111,607 votes.

William J. Bryan received 6,509,052 votes.

In 1900,

William McKinley received 7,263,266 votes.

William J. Bryan received 6,415,387 votes.

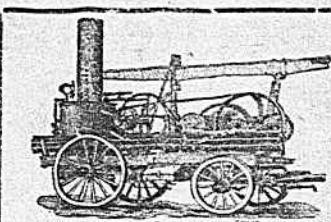
The guess or guesses of each individual will be kept secret. Who will be the first to record his guess? Remember it begins on Wednesday, July 6. Some one will get first prize, why not you?



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but they were insured. Now they have money to start anew. Can you say the same thing in case you are burned out?

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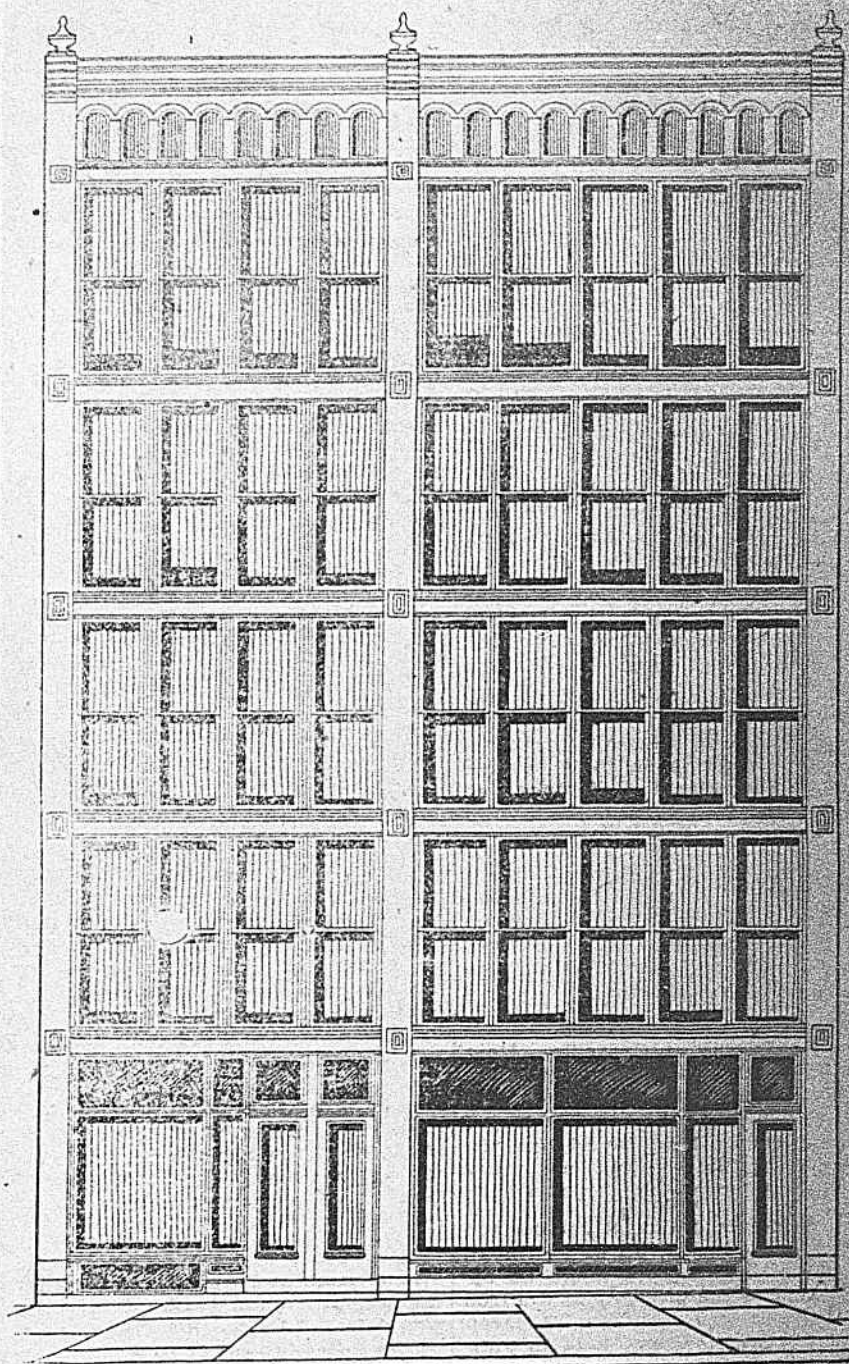
**W. H. BILLINGSLEA IS THE SUBJECT OF OUR SCRIBE TODAY—HE WILL FIND ANOTHER FOR TO-MORROW.**

W. H. Billingslea is a native of Marion county, having been born near Worthington. He has been a resident of the county all his life except four years which were spent in the West. His first experience in the mercantile business was received as a clerk at Yeager's, twelve years ago. He afterwards went into the hardware business at Worthington. After conducting that business successfully for several years, he was elected assessor of the Eastern district, on the Republican ticket, in 1896.

In 1900 he came to Fairmont and purchased the furniture store of Carpenter & Menear, at the corner of Jackson and Jefferson streets. The business soon became too large for the quarters and the store was removed to the Jacobs-Hutchinson block on Main street.

Soon after this the People's Bank became the owner of that part of the block and the store again had to be moved. Up to this time it was run under the name, W. H. Billingslea.

December 1, 1903, the store was removed to the Cunningham block, on Jefferson street, opposite the Court-house. The stock of the T. J. Ruddy Furnishing Company was purchased, and the firm became the Coal City House Furnishing Company, with Mr. Billingslea as manager. Six floors and the basement are occupied, and are filled with fine furniture, carpets, china—all kinds of house furnishings. The business has shown rapid progress in the short period of four years, until now the store is one of the leading stores of the kind in the State. Mr. Billingslea is recognized as a hustler, and is quite popular. People frequently remark that they like to deal with Will Billingslea.



THE CUNNINGHAM BLOCK.

### The Supply of Gold.

Only a little study of the figures of the world's stock of gold ten years ago and now is required to demonstrate that the financial policy of the Republican party has kept this country on a sound money basis. It also shows that when Judge Parker forced the National Democratic convention into a tardy acknowledgement of the truth he was aided by events in driving his party into abandoning or making a pretense of abandoning, the free silver craze, to which it had persistently clung for eight years. Mr. Therry, the French statistician, whose estimates are invariably reliable, calculates that on June 1, 1894, the supply of gold throughout the world was \$2,810,000,000, an increase in a decade of \$1,233,000,000. Of this gain the French economist asserts that the United States has taken \$680,000,000 and European banks \$546,000,000, a small portion being scattered.

In 1894 the Democratic party was in control of the administrative branch of the government, and President Cleveland was facing the necessity of issuing \$200,000,000 of bonds to replenish the Treasury exhaustion of gold. On December 3 of that year all the banking institutions of the world held \$1,577,000,000 of the yellow metal. The silver bill had recently been repealed, but gold was still leaving the country. With the certainty of Democratic administration continuing for two years and three months manufactures and trade were in a condition of semi-paralysis, and the President made a deal with the Belmont syndicate to market the bonds at prices that put millions of dollars into the pockets of its members. Bel-

mont is now the chief money backer of Judge Parker.

It is not conceivable that the United States would have drawn to itself more than half of the vast addition to the world's stock of gold if its financial system were not what the Republican party has made it. With no deviation from the purpose of keeping every dollar of the currency at its face value that party has redeemed the Nation from the disaster and disgrace threatened by the Democracy in 1896 and 1900. Now the St. Louis convention, under pressure from the head of the ticket, professes to believe that the money question is shunted out of sight, while Bryan proclaims that he proposes to revive it in 1908. There can be no doubt that he still possesses sufficient remnants of power within the party to make his promise good. It is worth the time of the thoughtful voter to look back upon the Republican record of making and enforcing the gold standard and contrast it with the debased money inflation of the Democracy and the intention of the party to dodge the question until Parker brought it, ostensibly up to the Republican mark.—Pittsburg Times.

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